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Applicants : Robert J. Winchester, et al.
Serial No. : 09/500,746
Filed : February 9, 2000
For : USES OF INHIBITORS FOR THE ACTIVATION OF CXCR4
RECEPTOR BY SDF-1 IN TREATING RHEUMATOID
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1185 Avenue of the Americas
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June 19, 2000

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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ATTN: Box Missing Parts

Sir:

COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING
PARTS OF APPLICATION FILED UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53 (b)

In response to a Notice to File Missing Parts of Application Filed Under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) issued in connection with the above-identified application on April 25, 2000, a copy of which is enclosed as **Exhibit A**, applicants submit as **Exhibit B** a Declaration and Power of Attorney pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.53(f) and in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.63. The Declaration refers to the application's above-identified serial number and filing date. In accordance with the Notice, the deadline for submitting the Declaration and Power of Attorney is June 25, 2000. Accordingly, this Communication is being timely filed.

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Applicants submit herewith as **Exhibit C** a Verified Statement (Declaration) Claiming Small Entity Status Under 37 C.F.R. §1.9(f) and §1.27(d) filed in connection with U.S. Serial No. 09/127,651, filed July 31, 1998. The above-identified application was filed under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) as a continuation-in-part application of PCT International Application No. PCT/US99/17178, filed July 29, 1999, which is a continuation-in part, and claims priority, of U.S. Serial No. 09/127,651, filed July 31, 1998. This Verified Statement is signed by the authorized official of the entity to whom the applicant has assigned the rights in the subject application, The Trustees of Columbia University in the City of New York.

The enclosed check for SIXTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$65.00) covers the surcharge under 37 C.F.R. §1.16(e) for submitting the enclosed Declaration for a small entity.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned attorney invite the Examiner to telephone at the number provided below.

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No fee, other than the enclosed fee of \$65.00, is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Communication. If any other fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane M. Love

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited this date with the U.S. Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to:
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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).
- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 65.**

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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